

## ABSTRACT

The present invention is a method for the gasification of coal wherein a slurry of coal and water is supplied to a gasification reactor, characterized in that at least a part of the water is supplied  
5 in a form of steam to the gasification reactor. This method solves all of the aforesaid problems in the conventional method for supplying a coal/water slurry to a gasification reactor and attains a remarkably high efficiency.